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Kevin J. Martin, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission Office of the secretary 04-233

Dear Chairman Martin,

At a recent meeting of leaders and union members in Philadelphia, much discussion was given to media and how unions are portrayed in the media. Because of media consolidation many "local" television and radio stations are owned by the same large corporations so the option of contacting someone else to balance a story is not possible.

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In addition, of course, working men and women also watch television and listen to the radio and have concerns over lack of diversity in programming, ownership and news content.

With that in mind, the meeting attendees signed the enclosed endorsements of Commissioner Copps' "New Media Contract" to support the ideal of open media.

I realize that limited public hearings have been ordered on the issue of media ownership and that one already took place in Pennsylvania, but I'm asking that you expand the number of hearings and go to as many states and cities as possible to hear what the American public has to say about real media reform.

Sincerely

President

cc: Commissioner Michael Copps

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